

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1063

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Pickett County High School girls' basketball team, TSSAA Class A State Girls' Basketball Championship Elite Eight.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful high school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of athletes is the Pickett County High School girls' basketball team, which made it to the Elite Eight of the 2018 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A State Girls' Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, competing in state-level tournaments is achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the Pickett County Lady Bobcats exhibited each of these rare qualities to the finest degree; and

WHEREAS, playing at the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, the Lady Bobcats valiantly battled against the Greenfield High School Lady Yellowjackets in the Elite Eight matchup; and

WHEREAS, though the Lady Bobcats came up short of winning the State Championship, their hard work, determination, and overall athletic prowess are a credit not only to Pickett County High School but to all of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, their season concludes with an overall record of thirty wins, and their presence in the Elite Eight surely bodes well for future athletic success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this magnificent team are Hallie Sells, Aaliyah Brown, Courtney Pritchett, Hailey Burton, Kyndal Ludic, Elly Smith, Gracie Martin, Bailey Evans, Laura Bilbrey, Chloe Burton, and Savannah Hammock; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Pritchett was named the 2018 TSSAA Division I Class A Miss Basketball; and

WHEREAS, this team of exemplary athletes undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of its head coach, Brent Smith, and assistant coach, Kayla Gibson; and

WHEREAS, these young women from Pickett County High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved one of the highest levels of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Lady Bobcats of Pickett County High School for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Pickett County High School girls' basketball team on reaching the Elite Eight in the TSSAA Class A State Girls' Basketball Championship, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each member our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.